

TOWN OF LA POINTE

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012
AT 5:00 AT TOWN HALL

Present: Nick Nelson, Greg Nelson, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross

Absent: Larry Whalen

Staff present: Barb Nelson, Pete Clark

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:08 PM

II. DISCUSS, REVIEW, POSSIBLY FINALIZE 2013 BUDGET: discussion, points of which follow:

Greg Nelson states the purpose of the meeting and relates the changes that have been made since the last meeting regarding the budget. He said that the Board will have a better idea of the checking balance after the Public Hearing on the budget and that there will be some reinstatements of funds.

Pete Clark related that he had met with the EMS officers and that some of their budget wages will be restored [\$8000 restored out of \$16,000 cut].

Greg Nelson asked Barb Nelson asked if the Board has to have exact numbers [for the budget] or if adjustments can be made until the end of the year.

Barb Nelson stated that the Town sets the levy and then the Board can rework the budget after the levy is set.

Pete Clark k [segment inaudible] . . . stated that there are designated funds that may be tapped so that all interests can be served.

Nick Nelson stated that with the \$16,000 in wage cuts to the Ambulance Service, the level of service is put in jeopardy; EMS had been talking internally about cuts.

Jim Patterson mentioned also that the Library Building Maintenance fund should not have been zeroed out of the budget; the Library needs utilities.

Nick Nelson asked if the Library really needs \$1000 in operating costs.

Ham Ross stated that this amount is for utilities; he also felt that cutting resources is inappropriate

Jim Patterson clarified that the Board is here tonight to say, "Yes, we can hit the target."

Greg Nelson added that no resolution will be needed to raise the levy limit.

Barb Nelson clarified that the levy itself is up 3.9%. She added that the budget reports will be ready to print and post on Friday, November 16, 2012. She has prepared reports showing the steps along the way of the budget process so that the Town can see the entire process.

Greg Nelson stated that when the Board knows the final checking account balance, some of that money could be used to lower the overall amount.

Jim Patterson reiterated that the Board has identified the two areas that need adjustment.

Pete Clark [segment inaudible] . . . another designated fund has been identified as a possible source of funds.

Motion to approve the budget summary of 11/14/12 for presentation to the Town in amounts as follows: revenue: \$2,740,870; expenditures: \$2,740,870; a levy of 3.9% JP/HR 4A MC

III. AUTHORIZE TOWN FOREMAN TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST QUOTE FOR BOARDWALK MATERIALS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012. Motion to authorize Town Foreman Keith Sowl to accept the lowest quote for Boardwalk materials on 11/16/12. According to Foreman Sowl the cost will be less than the \$40,000 provided by the grant. JP/NN 4A MC

IV. Resolution #2012-1114 – To Propose Exceeding Levy Limits for Town Tax Levy not needed.

V. ADJOURNMENT at 5:25 PM

Approved as submitted on 12/11/12 Patty Hobin, Town Clerk